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SIXTY-FIVE TRIED AND TRUSTED DEMOCRATS

Are Contesting For the Offices to Be Filled In This County In November

And Each and Every One of Them Is a Man Who Can Be Depended Upon

Well, there are sixty-five of them—and each and every one of them a good, reliable and trustworthy man. Sixty-five, what? Is asked—why sixty-five clean, straight-out democrats from which the democrats of St. Joseph and Buchanan county will pick the men who will fill the various offices in the county after the election in November.

But why from these men? may be asked—and the answer is just as easy; for these are Democratic times and this is Democratic year—that's all.

Of course this is an "off year" and "politics is adjourned," but possibly you would not think so if you went out into the highways and byways of the county and watched the automobiles of the candidates swarm up to the farmer's home, or noticed them scudding over his fields to catch him where he is at work? The Buchanan county democrat knows full well the advantage of personal solicitation and the value of seeing the voter at close range and is wasting no time. He does not feel safe until after he has personally called upon and held converse with each and every democrat who has the franchise in this great city of St. Joseph and this fertile and productive county of Buchanan—therefore his haste and his urgency.

After this week, however, the poor farmer will get a slight rest as the sixty-five candidates will devote their last two weeks to a thorough canvass of St. Joseph, and then the city voter will get his—and plenty of that.

VOTERS ARE APPRECIATED.

Lawrence A. Vories, candidate for judge of circuit court division No. 2, is so well liked and has proven himself so efficient that no one would run against him on either ticket and he is already elected—as he should be.

In the state senatorial race there are three reliable and capable democrats, James A. Campbell, Senator Tom Ivers and Sam Wilcox—and all are working.

In the first representative district three sterling democrats are contesting, W. W. Watkins, M. T. Everett and James H. Leonard—and all are busy.

In the second legislative district those two sterling democrats, George M. Allison and S. C. Greathouse, are pushing their candidacies.

In the Third legislative district there are but two candidates, Elbert F. Spencer and L. F. Ginery, but they are democrats tried and true and both are busy at work.

Three good substantial democrats are at work in the Fourth legislative district in the persons of A. M. Tweddell, James R. Byrne and Phil McCollum.

HILL AND McCLANAHAN.

Judge Thomas J. Hill and Judge John H. McClanahan are the contestants for the presiding judgeship and these two sterling democrats are letting no grass grow under their feet.

Five of the good democrats of the First district want to be county judge. They are W. L. Brown, James Curtin, W. M. Elam, James Virgil Dearing and George N. Robinson.

In the Second district six sterling democrats are asking for the county judgeship in the persons of I. W. Spader, Charles Hensley, J. J. Metcalf, George B. Squires, W. R. Parrish and John M. Tetherow.

Judge Albert B. Duncan has done so well as probate judge that no one could come out against him on either ticket and he is in the Judge Vories class.

There are five true blue democrats (four of them Williams) who are asking for the county auditor's office: Will R. Campbell, William Hub, William H. Hetherington, William F. Hoffman and R. H. Martin.

CROUSE AND FLACH.

Only two substantial democrats are in the circuit clerk's race, Egmont J. Crouse and William H. Flach, and both are workers.

J. M. (Morey) Martin and Artemas Ferrell are the two tried and fire-tested democrats who want the county clerk nomination—and are working for it.

Five good active democrats want to handle the county collector's money.

They are Lee R. Jackson, A. E. (Jim) Nash, Joe E. Gates, J. Porter Spritt and Fred Bally.

The voter must take his choice from four sterling and capable candidates for prosecuting attorney, Stephen K. Owen, Edwin M. Swartz, James C. Gowney and Louis V. Stigall.

Harry Yates has made himself so efficient and such a good recorder of deeds that he is in the Judge Vories-Duncan class.

Abner E. Shaw and John H. Williamson want to be justice of the peace for Center township and are both sterling democrats.

And now the voter comes to the big field—but the task is not so hard for he can in this case pick four out of the sixteen good democrats who make up the field for justice of the peace for Washington township. Take your pick from these: W. P. Abbott, Roscoe L. Benn, T. Jeff Carson, William Dorsell, James M. Flynn, L. W. Forgrave, Jack Gordon, D. H. Griffin, John E. Lange, Charles A. Loomis, Daniel N. Nies, William H. (Billy) Oswald, Joseph N. Walker, John J. Werst, and John W. (Tug) Wilson. The voter can make no mistake in picking any of these trusted democrats.

Walter S. Patten will be the next constable of Washington township for he is in the Vories-Duncan-Yates class.

Pick your men early—and vote at the primary—then you have no kick coming.

GARDNER FOR WILFLEY

Says That He Is Thoroughly Loyal and That He Will Vote For Him In August.

Considerable comment having been heard among local Democrats relative to the report current that Gov. Gardner was not supporting his nominee, Senator Wilfley, all doubts on that score have been set at rest through a letter that Gov. Gardner sent to Peyton S. Parks, chairman of the Henry County Democratic county committee in response to a letter written him by Parks and asking for a statement from the governor. In his answer to Chairman Parks the governor says:

"July 15, 1918.

"Hon. Peyton A. Parks, Clinton, Mo.

"Dear Judge Parks: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your inquiry of the 12th instant regarding the situation that has arisen in the senatorial campaign.

"I have no desire whatever to attempt in any way to dictate to any citizen as to whom he shall support. I have, however, the same rights of citizenship as to choice and expression of opinion, and do not concede to anyone the right to exercise my liberties as a citizen.

"You state in your letter that your faith in the loyalty of Senator Wilfley and Governor Folk has not been shaken in the least.

"In this expression of yours I concur heartily, therefore I shall support at the general election whichever one of these gentlemen my party deems wise to nominate.

"I have known Senator Wilfley for many years and have known him intimately. I know that he is a broad-gauged, big-hearted, thoroughly patriotic Missourian, and I unhesitatingly state that it will afford me great pleasure to cast my ballot for him at the August primary. Faithfully your friend,

"FREDERICK D. GARDNER."

PICNIC AT AGENCY

The Democracy of the County Will Gather at That Famous Place Aug. 3.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, Agency will hold its annual political picnic and the hosts of Democracy will gather for the political event in large numbers. All arrangements have been completed to make the event the record breaker for that famous place.

The committee announces Joseph W. Folk as the speaker of the day, and Congressman Booher, if his duties permit him to return, will be present, as will William E. Spratt and all of the county candidates.

JACK SCHNEIDER CITED

Performs a Meritorious Feat and Captures Two Machine Guns From the Enemy.

All St. Joseph is proud of the feat accomplished by Lieutenant John George (Jack) Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. John George Schneider of this city. The young lieutenant has been commended for bravery and cited in orders by the commanding officer of the Sixth regiment, Fourth brigade, United States marines, with which organization the young lieutenant is now heroically fighting in France.

The citation is shown by a letter from Major General Barnett to Mr. Schneider here, which says: Headquarters United States Marine Corps, Commandant's Office, Washington, July 12, 1918.

My Dear Mr. Schneider: A carbon copy of a letter from the commanding officer, Sixth regiment, to the brigade commander, Fourth brigade of marines in France, which has just been received in this office, contains the following citation in reference to your son, Second Lieut. John G. Schneider, Jr., marine corps, which I know you will be interested in learning:

"Second Lieut. John G. Schneider, Company G, who had displayed uncommon bravery in previous action, conducted his platoon with conspicuous and absolute devotion to duty in an assault on machine gun position in the Bois de Belleau under terrific machine gun fire on June 6 and 8."

"It is, indeed, a pleasure for me to write you that your son so conspicuously distinguished himself in action, and it must be a source of great pride for you to know that he performed his duty in such an able and fearless manner. Sincerely yours,

GEORGE BARNETT,

Major-General Commandant.

Mr. John G. Schneider,

Krug Park Place, St. Joseph, Mo.

A letter received from Capt. Ray Colkins by Mr. Schneider at the same time states that he has on various occasions heard of Lieut. Schneider in the field and that all reports that he received spoke highly of the young St. Joseph officer.

THE AUGUST APPEAL

The Transcript in the Celebrated Case Is Completed and Sent to St. Louis.

On Friday Commissioner C. C. Colt of the federal court completed the transcript and record of the now celebrated Albert J. August bribery case and forwarded it to St. Louis where the United States court of appeals will pass on it in December, and enter a finding as to the appeal made by the defendant in the case who asks for a new trial. The transcript covers 511 typewritten pages and is complete in every detail.

On account of the fact that the United States is now engaged in the greatest war of history, the case attracts more than usual attention as the offense was one which threatened the success of the draft by which this country must recruit its army in order that the German power may be smashed and the cause of world democracy maintained. In the case of August the offense was proven and the punishment fixed after a most sensational trial. It is a fact very frequently and decidedly adversely mentioned in this case, that William E. Spratt, now a candidate for Congress, which makes the laws of this great nation, is one of the bondsmen who signed the appeal bond of \$10,000 furnished by August in this case and that he also was one of the character witnesses who testified for August at the trial.

COL. FRANK DAVIS' SIXTIETH CROP.

Col. Frank Davis, head of the Davis stock yards, at the St. Joseph stock yards, possesses the unique position of having harvested his sixtieth crop of grain—some that he owned, or worked for those who did—since he first tackled agriculture. On his magnificent 1,000-acre ranch near Forest City he has just completed the harvesting of 350 acres of wheat which exceeded thirty-two bushels to the acre and tests sixty-three pounds to the bushel. The crop is worth at lowest value \$20,000.

BUCHANAN COUNTY MEETS ITS QUOTA.

Of the forty-one counties which went over the top in the recent war savings stamp drive, Buchanan is one of the number. This county has now pledged and bought over \$1,500,000 of the stamps which is above 80 per cent of the total required of her. The balance will be easy to reach in the six months' campaign yet open.

WATER POWER TO BE IMPORTANT FEATURE

Legislation Looking to the Use of Surplus Energy Will Be Enacted By Congress

SO SAYS CONGRESSMAN CHARLES F. BOOHER

On Account of Congress Taking a Recess Until August 24th the Fourth District Representative Comes Home for a Short Stay Feeling Much Encouraged Over the War Situation and Satisfied That the United States Will Put an End to Kaiserism and the Reign of Autocracy.

"Our boys are going over the top in the right direction and are headed for Berlin"—was the salutation with which Congressman Charles F. Booher greeted his friends when he arrived in St. Joseph yesterday morning.

"And," he added suggestively, "they won't stop till they have the German Kaiser and his murderous crew where they can do no more harm, either."

Congressman Booher, despite the fact that he was feeling somewhat fatigued after the long and arduous session (he has not been at home since Congress convened the first week in December), was in first class health and spirits and highly enthusiastic over the great American successes of the past two days. His arrival was unexpected as he had stated that he would stick to his post as long as Congress remained in session, no matter what transpired in his district, but the agreement recess taken by the two houses released him and he was enabled to come home for a brief stay, as no business will be transacted by either house until after Aug. 24th, at which time they will reconvene for an all summer or fall and winter session—in fact an all-year session.

Owing to the fact that Mr. Booher desired to go to his Savannah home as quickly as possible, he was here but a short time, and when asked as to matters at the capitol, said:

War Progress Satisfactorily. "Congress has taken a recess of three days at a time until August 24th. I will stay here until about August 16th. After the recess, the House will first take up the Water Power Bill, and this will be followed by the new War Revenue Bill.

"The progress of the war seems to be satisfactory to all concerned at Washington. The president and the secretary of war are well satisfied with the present status of things, and do not see how they could be bettered.

Important Measures Forecast. "As to new legislation? We have got to have a new revenue bill, but just what it is going to be no one can tell at this time. The committee is not yet through with the hearings and no bill has as yet been drafted. The bill, when drawn, will repeal all that has been done in the past and will be a general revision of revenue legislation, to make it simpler and put it in condition so people will understand it.

"Practically all legislation so far has been with reference to appropriations. "The Water Power Bill is rather important. We are going to make an effort to use water power wherever it can be done. This calls for legislation so companies can be organized and the water power that is going to waste throughout the country can be utilized. This will be entirely new legislation, and will require great care in its enactment so it will be in the interest of the government and fair to the contractor as well."

HIS COMRADE'S STORY

Sergeant Sheridan Was With Him When Capt. Donald Duncan Fell.

In a letter received this week by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sheridan of this city is the first detailed account of the heroic death of Capt. Donald F. Duncan, the son of Capt. and Mrs. John A. Duncan of this city, who died in France a short time ago while bravely leading his men in a charge on the enemy.

The letter is from Sgt. Alvin Sheridan, who was with Duncan over the top, and as they entered into the open with Duncan leading and cheering them on, a bullet struck Duncan in the abdomen and he fell down. Sgt. Sheridan, another brave and a young doctor picked up and carried him to a wood where he was laid on the ground. He was struck near by almost

NEED NOT FEAR

The Platte County Landmark Says Its People Are Alive to the Situation and Supporting Booher.

And it now looks as though congress will get no recess and Mr. Booher will not be able to come home at all during the primary campaign. But "he should worry." The people of Platte county are alive to the needs of the nation—and know they can serve well by keeping Mr. Booher in congress where he can continue his loyal support of President Wilson and the promulgation of measures that look toward the winning of the war. Hard at work in his office, on the floor of the house and on important war-time committees, he labors on, trusting in the appreciation and wisdom of the voters in the Fourth district. That trust, we are confident, is well placed and Mr. Booher need have no misgivings about his re-nomination. Of course a few disgruntled folks are against him, a few finger yet in darkness and are unable to see the foolishness of making a change at this critical time, but if we are any judge, if people are true in their expressions, there are awfully few who will cast their vote against this man who has done such valuable work and who has so devotedly stood by the president of the nation and so steadfastly supported the principles of Democracy—democracy with a little snarl big "D"—Platte County Landmark.

MRS. CONE LOSES SUIT

Will Not Be Given a Share of the Estate of the Late Col. John Donovan.

The supreme court on Wednesday handed down a decision in which that body held that Mrs. Sarah Cone, now of Chicago, but who formerly was Mrs. Sarah Black of this city, was not entitled to share in the estate of the late Col. John Donovan, who in his will directed that the income from certain stocks to the amount of \$3,500 per annum should be paid to her during her lifetime.

The question of the legality of the bequest hinged upon the authenticity of the witnesses' signatures. These two witnesses, Louis Siemens and P. P. Welty, both former employees of the stock yards company, could not recall their signing the document and in consequence the court held it of no effect.

The entire Donovan property, the real estate of itself being estimated at worth \$150,000, now goes to the widow of the late Col. Donovan, and his daughter, Mrs. Emma McCaskey, the widow receiving approximately one-third and the daughter two-thirds of the estate. The most valuable of the real estate is the Donovan farm of 332 acres on the interurban just across the line in Andrew county.

ON BACHELOR'S VISIT

The Atchison Globe Tells of the Trip of St. Joseph Railway and Financial Men.

Our own Charles Berry and L. C. Hamilton are always welcome guests at all points and places, but it is seldom that as much as their names and "doings" appear in the papers, that they are accorded such a send-off as the following which appeared in an issue of the Atchison Globe of last week, which says:

"That big white car, wreathed in dainty roses, which has been seen on the streets of Atchison, did not belong to some honeymooners but to two old bachelors who keep house together in St. Joseph: Charles Berry, vice president of the Chicago & Great Western railroad, and L. C. Hamilton, president of the Empire Trust Co. Accompanying them to Atchison was C. C. Wright, vice president of the trust company. They were all guests at the home of Mrs. E. C. Post and her daughter, Miss Beulah Post, and called at Potato Hill farm. Mr. Berry and Mr. Hamilton have a fine establishment in St. Joseph. The interior of their house does not know the touch of a woman's hand but is decidedly 'artistic' despite that. They have a cook and a butler, and are examples of the masculine home makers."

Afterward and killed all of the party except Sheridan, who was wounded and also gassed from the effects of which he is still in the hospital, but says that he is recovering and hopes to soon again resume his life in the field. Sheridan was completely burned by the gas.

A VOICE FROM OUT OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Calls Upon the Democrats of the Fourth District to Stand by Their Congressman

AND GIVES COGENT REASONS THEREFOR

Carping Critics Who Have Ventured to Stand on Slippery Ground Are Reminded by This Sterling Idaho Democrat That Congressman Booher's Worth and Work Is Recognized and Known Far Outside of the Fourth District Which He So Faithfully Represents and That His Reputation Extends Far Beyond the Confines of the Territory Which Makes Up This Great Platte Purchase.

Some few carping critics (almost invariably Republicans—sometimes a disappointed Democrat who failed for office) occasionally claim that Congressman Booher is "not known outside of his district." These fellows always have a grievance—and at that a fancied one devoid of justice—or they would not have it—and as a result they make but little headway.

As an instance of how Mr. Booher stands outside of his district this far-off voice from Lewiston, Idaho, will explain for itself. This paper on yesterday was in receipt of the following letter from Will L. Huyette, formerly of the Park Bank of this city, but now of Lewiston, where he has resided for the past twelve years and where he is prominent in business and politics, having been state bank examiner, member of the State Democratic committee, and now engaged in banking and mercantile business at Lewiston. He writes:

What Huyette Says.

"Just two years ago, when the public mind was incensed to a high degree, and the politicians of all political parties were invading America, entering every congressional district of the United States, working, using all influence, available, to accomplish his or her desired ambition; your district, the Fourth Congressional District of Missouri, did not escape the attack in any degree. The righteous cause—was triumphant, though perhaps some brilliant men were made to suffer the sting of humiliation and defeat for the reason that what they advocated the people of the district did not believe in—but to the contrary they rallied by their ballots approval of the official acts of your congressman then—your congressman now—and who will continue to be your congressman—so long as you trust him with his portion of the nation's affairs and responsibilities, which he has so loyally—honorably—truthfully—and conscientiously handled for each and every one of you during the past eleven years—Charles F. Booher of Savannah, Missouri, your present congressman—of whom the nation is proud—and perhaps it might interest you to know just why the Great Pacific Northwest is interested and hoping for his re-nomination and return as a member of the Congress of the United States.

"One of the primary and all important reasons for asking your people to return him—and we feel that we have the right to do so; for you must not overlook the fact that he is as much our congressman as he is yours—by reason of the fact of what laws were passed with his vote yes, affect not only your own district but every Congressional district of America and all of her allied or insular possessions—is that the glitter of gold, social prestige, personal popularity, has never affected him—and are not a part of the make-up of this humane statesman who now represents you; but to the contrary. Let me call your attention to just a few of the many important pieces of legislation that were before Congress and have been passed by Congress, some of which are now the laws of the land.

The Child Labor Bill. "What about the Child Labor bill? "After the investigation of the labor conditions were made by Lieut. Gov. O'Hara of Illinois and Senator Borah of Idaho—what did Congressman Booher do?—he not only voted right, but used his far reaching influence to thwart any attempt on the part of the lobbyist to defeat this humane bill, which means the doing away of the sweat-box method, and the maintaining and upbuilding of youth—not its destruction. One of the greatest

Washington, D. C., July 14.—Statements of German cruelties, attributed by a St. Louis newspaper to an unnamed sergeant of the American expeditionary forces, sent to the United States to assist in the third Liberty loan, are denied by General Pershing in a cablegram made public tonight by the war department. General Pershing recommended that if the sergeant was quoted correctly he be returned immediately to France for active duty.

All roads will lead to the Agency Democratic picnic Aug. 3.

SPEAK UP! WHAT IS IT?

Why? One Disgruntled Disappointed Democrat, Two Republican—and One "Unclassed" Endorsement.

"If this is the best testimony—as to his ability and qualifications—that William E. Spratt can furnish," said a South End democrat as he held up a copy of the Stock Yards Journal of Thursday containing an advertisement of Mr. Spratt, "it will not get him very far on the road. Let's see; there are four testimonials. The first is from the Dearborn Democrat, the wife of the editor of which failed to secure the postoffice at that place and who is taking out his spite against Booher that way. The next is from the Maryville Tribune which is the Republican organ of Nodaway county—and that explains its stand. Then the next is a clipping from Pickering in Nodaway, where there is no paper. I don't know how Spratt could get much of a newspaper endorsement in a place that has no newspaper; and the fourth is from the Elmo Register run by a man named Woods who is a Republican and prints a Republican paper.

"I noticed some time ago that Spratt got out another circular of newspaper clippings and comments which was on a par with this advertisement, only all of these were paid notices that he had written for him and paid some susceptible editors for publishing. Great stuff, these paid newspaper 'puffs,' he laughed as he walked off down street."

OFF TO THE CAMPS

St. Joseph Boys Depart in Two Squads for the Various Training Camps.

It looked Tuesday as if St. Joseph was in war all day long. At 3 p. m. the colored contingent from this section numbering 138 men lined up at the federal building and after a parade marched to the Union station and entrained for Funston.

At 5:30 that evening there was another great assemblage at the federal building when 233 white boys from St. Joseph and the territory tributary lined up and after a parade went to the Union station, where they entrained for Jefferson Barracks. There were 132 St. Joseph and Buchanan county boys in this contingent.

The largest contingent, however, will mobilize at the federal building next Friday morning and depart by special train at 9:45 a. m. for Camp Funston. This contingent will comprise 345 men from this territory. A grand parade will be a feature and there will be the usual great crowd assembled to cheer the boys as they leave to take part in the great war for universal democracy.

A WILFLEY MEETING

The Opening Gun of His Campaign in This Section Will Be Fired July 25th at the Lyceum.

The first gun fired in behalf of Senator Wilfley in St. Joseph will be at a meeting held in the Lyceum Theater, July 25th, at 8 p. m., with Senator Wilfley the chief attraction. The Hon. W. E. Davis, of St. Joseph, will preside and the vice presidents of the meeting will consist of many of the prominent Democrats of Northwest Missouri.

Since Governor Gardner, the actual leader of the intensely loyal citizens of Missouri, by his strong statement to the people of the state, has eliminated the question of loyalty in the senatorial race, the people are examining into the qualifications of the candidate from other true points and the friends of Senator Wilfley are organizing quietly and effectively to see that he receives the vote in this section that his ability and his character warrant. His friends say that from now on the true estimate of the Senator will be made known.

PERSHING WILL NOT STAND MISSTATEMENTS.

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